

Alumni Columns

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A photograph of three students (two women and one man) smiling and holding a large globe of the Earth. The globe is the central focus, showing blue oceans and white clouds. Several white arrows are overlaid on the globe, pointing in various directions to symbolize global connectivity or a worldwide network. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue sky with light clouds.

Worldwide Classroom



Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966
President, Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni,

Each day I have the opportunity to be proud of the work done by our faculty and students in the classroom. In addition to that important work, I am proud of the effort by Northwestern's faculty, staff and students to improve their community.

Northwestern has placed an emphasis on helping others through service learning because we know a great deal of learning takes place outside the classroom. According to UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute, student participation in service has positive impacts on leadership ability, grades, retention, degree aspirations, critical thinking skills and commitment to helping others in difficulty.

Service learning can take place in a variety of ways. In December, several students and alumni led by graduate student Janice Williams of Alexandria participated in a day of service at a New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity Build in the Musicians Village organized by the University of Louisiana System.

Last semester, student organizations came together in the annual canned food drive to help local families and put together a Halloween party for children.

Over the next year, counseling students will work with the New Orleans Recovery School District, the Seton Resource Center of New Orleans and the Alexandria branch of the LSU Ag Center to provide school counselors in the Recovery District with resources and materials to help parents and students understand the importance of school attendance.

Heritage Resources students in the School of Social Sciences will work with the Creole Heritage Center at NSU, the St. Augustine Historical Society, the Society for Heritage Resources and Natchitoches Parish elementary schools to design and implement multiple community-based heritage education activities for elementary school students.

Both these projects were funded with service learning grants from the University of Louisiana System.

The School of Social Sciences sponsors an annual Civil Rights Conference each spring, bringing speakers to the campus and community to discuss important issues. Last fall, the American Democracy Project at NSU and the Department of Journalism worked with the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce to sponsor forums involving local legislative candidates.

All this is in addition to the time and money our faculty, staff and students contribute in support of their churches and local charities. That giving spirit is one of the things that makes me grateful for the opportunity to lead this exceptional university.

J. Kevin McCotter,
Director of Alumni and Development



Dear Alumni:

During this time of year, the visual sights of blooming dogwood trees, colorful azaleas and lush green grass serve as a vibrant backdrop for campus activity. Having been on board since last fall, I am confident in saying the activity level around your Alumni House is perpetual! In the spring, it truly reaches a fervor pitch. During the first part of 2008, we will support 14 recruiting receptions around Louisiana and in Texas, host seven alumni receptions in Louisiana and five out-of-state alumni receptions (Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Houston and Washington, D.C.), manage Spring Grad Fest on campus and prepare to honor the Golden Jubilee Class of 1958 at May graduation. In addition to these events, we'll be working on launching our new NSU Alumni Community website, managing numerous scholarship programs, preparing for our new capital campaign and continuing to raise funds for scholarships, endowed professorships and to meet other resource needs of NSU.

Your Alumni Association issues a very special thank you to all who generously pledged in last November's Alumni Phone-A-Thon. A total of \$16,450 was raised to support Alumni scholarships, reunions and alumni gatherings, faculty development, and campus and community activities. Please also support Northwestern by promoting our university to potential students. As you know from your personal experience, Northwestern offers an outstanding education in a wonderful collegiate atmosphere.

I hope to see you at one of the many alumni receptions near you in the spring. We are looking forward to hosting you! If you have a chance to visit campus, there are plenty of activities for you to enjoy. Take your pick of baseball, softball, musical or theatrical performances, educational lectures, tennis, spring football, spring soccer; the list goes on and on! Be sure and stop in at your Alumni House, the House of perpetual activity! Please let me know if we can assist you in any way, we would welcome the opportunity.

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Worldwide Classroom

International study programs broaden horizons for students, faculty and alumni

In the age of globalization, an intimate understanding of a foreign culture is both a valuable academic asset and an enriching personal experience. Northwestern has, and is developing more, programs that provide students and alumni with the opportunity to discover and explore different cultures. The foreign study programs promote communication, understanding and awareness as students learn and enjoy a way of life other than their own.

In addition to programs like the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and trips planned for students entering the field of Hospitality Management and Tourism (HMT), the university recently partnered with the South Korean government to create a teacher exchange agreement and is developing a cultural exchange with Canada and Mexico.

Other departments offer tours that enrich their curriculum and provide another dimension to study. Tommy Hailey, associate professor of anthropology, is leading a 2-week tour of Egypt this summer for graduate students studying Heritage Resources.

"We recognize that heritage issues are of global concern and the need to expand our students' awareness of and appreciation for issues as an international level," said Hailey, whose class will begin with a discussion of the physical setting of Egypt and the Nile Valley and then trace the development of the Egyptian culture from the prehistoric period to the present. "We include examples from outside the U.S. in our lectures. We also recognize that what our students truly need is a chance to experience other cultures themselves."

The trip is the culmination of a semester of Anthropology 4400 and 5400, a study of Egypt past and present. Students enrolled in the class were required to go on the trip, but it

was also open to individuals not enrolled. The itinerary includes visits to the Step Pyramid in Sakkara, the Great Pyramid of Cheops and the

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—Tommy Hailey, associate professor of anthropology

in another culture where things operate slightly, or sometimes a lot, differently than they do in the United States. This really opens up the minds of the students to different ways of looking at the world," said Jensen, whose tour will include visits to major archaeological sites, villas and museums in Rome and the Bay of Naples,



Dr. Richard Jensen led students on a tour of Rome, which included a visit to the Coliseum.

Sphinx in Cairo, after which the group will travel to Aswan to board a Nile cruise to visit the Aswan High Dam, Abu Simbel, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Karnak, Luxor, the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, and the Temple of Hatshepsut. Upon returning to Cairo, the group will visit the Citadel and the Egyptian Museum, followed by a trip to Alexandria to tour the New Library, the Catacombs, El-Montazah Palace, and the Greco-Roman Museum.

Dr. Richard Jensen, associate professor of history, is planning his fourth tour of Italy for students this summer.

"I think the most valuable experience the student has is getting to live

focusing on Roman art, culture and history. "With Italy, it is the sheer, unbelievable beauty of its cities and the tremendous sense of history one gets everywhere. Italy has more works of art than all the rest of Europe combined and the students certainly notice this, even just walking down the street."

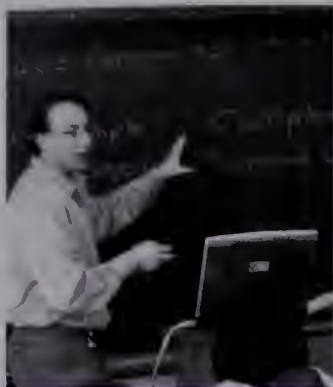
Northwestern's partnership with the South Korean government stemmed from that country's desire to place English-speaking teachers in its classrooms. Graduate student Robert Tummons of Natchitoches (2006, 2007) was among the very first participants, living in the Chungnam

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Province about 100 miles south of Seoul where he taught English in a private high school for seven weeks.



Robert Tummons taught a high school English class in a private school in the Chungnam Province of South Korea as part of an teacher exchange partnership between the Korean government and NSU.

"The highs were definitely the scenery, the food and the uniquely comfortable atmosphere," said Tummons, who had previously traveled and lived in many places in the U.S. "This was definitely the first significant cultural shift I've had, but it was a pleasurable, albeit exhausting, one."

Tummons' exposure to Korean customs and ideas were very enriching and his teaching experience was an eye-opener. While in Korea, Tummons also accomplished another first for the university by becoming the first student to defend his graduate thesis via webcam, communicating with faculty in the state-of-the-art Oral Communication Lab. Tummons plans to pursue a

Ph.D. and teach at a university. His advice to someone interested in living outside the U.S. was "Do it. Do the research, prepare yourself well and go."

Northwestern has participated in the ISEP program for nearly 20 years, allowing hundreds of NSU students to spend one to two semesters at universities throughout the world studying, among other things, marine biology in Fiji, theatre in South Africa and women's studies in Sweden. ISEP costs are the same as the student would spend for tuition and fees at their home university and every American student who participates opens the door for a foreign student to visit the U.S.

"ISEP promotes cross cultural understanding and encourages personal growth," said Dr. Steve Horton (1988), ISEP advisor. "It is also one of the most economical ways for a student to spend a significant amount of time abroad."

HMT professor Dr. Lynn Woods is ironing out details for another exchange program made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education designed to place American students at universities in Canada and Mexico. The grant, entitled "Building Bridges through Culture, Cuisine, Agriculture and Tourism," is designed to "teach university students skills that will help them connect culture to food preparation, agriculture and economic development through

tourism," Woods said. Although any student could qualify, the program would be of particular interest to those pursuing the culinary

tour of Costa Rica. This summer's trip will explore Scandinavia. Although the fast-paced tours are geared for students, they are open to other

"Do it. Do the research, prepare yourself well and go."

—Robert Tummons (2006, 2007),
South Korea teacher exchange participant

arts, environmental studies, folklore, literature, the arts, languages, heritage resources, ecotourism and preservation.

The program serves not only to develop a cross-border curriculum model to enhance learning and experiences, "it will also allow us to promote NSU to those places," Woods said.

A seasoned traveler, Woods has led student tours throughout Europe and North America. Last year, her students participated in an eco-

individuals.

"Anyone who has ever smelled the scent of Paris in the spring, or the fresh flowers of Amsterdam, felt the morning fog in London, enjoyed a late night coffee at a café in Vienna or ziplined through a rain forest in Costa Rica can tell you that traveling in a foreign country cannot be described in mere words," Woods said. "It must be experienced, embraced and enjoyed for its enlightenment."



Jensen's group enjoyed an authentic ancient Roman meal on terra cotta dishes, which began with a food offering for the gods, followed by Roman lasagna prepared with raisins and without tomato sauce, since tomatoes had not yet been brought from the New World.

Cavanaugh named to Foundation Board

Eugene Cavanaugh of Leesville has been named to the NSU Foundation Board of Directors. Cavanaugh earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration in 1972 and a master's in business administration in 1973. After graduation, he went to work in the Vernon Parish Tax Assessor's Office, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, his father and his mother. He worked there for eight years before being elected to the position, which he held for 33 years.

Cavanaugh has a history of involvement with the Leesville community, serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Council on Aging and a member of First Methodist Church. He served as president of the Louisiana Assessors Association and is a member of the Louisiana Assessors Retirement Board. He also served in the National Guard for 23 years. He has been a long-time supporter of Northwestern athletics.

As an undergraduate at Northwestern, Cavanaugh worked a bookkeeper and ran payroll for several small businesses in Natchitoches. He married the former Myrtice Allen (1972), now deceased, whose parents, Warren Allen and Myrtice Simpson Allen, were graduates of Normal and members of the band. Cavanaugh has two sons, Jim and Jake.

'Paddlin' Professor' establishes nursing scholarship to benefit Leesville students

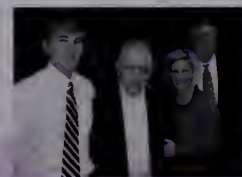
Dr. Harry Briggs, a professor of political science at Northwestern State University's Leesville/Fort Polk campus, has endowed a scholarship to be used exclusively for NSU nursing students at the Leesville campus. The donation is part of a charitable trust that will begin with \$10,000 and will be increased to \$50,000 upon Briggs' death. The endowment honors Briggs' aunt, Dr. Letitia Douglas Adams, who served for many years as Chief of Surgery at Boston's New England Hospital for Women and Children.

"It is appropriate the scholarship I am giving in Dr. Adams's name be for nursing students because of her great respect for nurses," Briggs said. "My aunt would be greatly pleased to know that her interest in nursing is being honored."

Adams, a native of Nova Scotia, became a United States citizen and matriculated at Tufts University. She later graduated from Tufts Medical College, completing internship and residency requirements at New England Hospital for Women and Children, and beginning her career in surgery. Whenever she had an opportunity to speak publicly, Adams lauded the dedication of the nursing staff and ensured that people knew a hospital and its doctors could not function without its nurses. She felt that nurses were the backbone of the medical profession.

In addition to this scholarship, Briggs has provided scholarships to other universities. He endowed a scholarship in memory of his wife, Lydia Briggs, at Plymouth State University and donated seed money for a scholarship commemorating his wife at the University of Tampa. He also has worked extensively with the American Legion in Leesville to provide scholarships at NSU Leesville/Fort Polk, which honor his father, Harry Briggs Sr., who was a banker in Boston.

"Celebrated locally as 'the Paddlin' Professor,' Dr. Briggs is well known for his altruistic efforts," said Dr. Larry Monk, executive director at NSU Leesville/Fort Polk. Last summer the 86-year-old raised money for a scholarship for the NSU Women's Tennis Team by swimming Cross Lake. One of his previous long-distance swims was across Lake Erie, as he became the first person ever to swim any of the Great Lakes. Lake Erie has since been swum only twice.

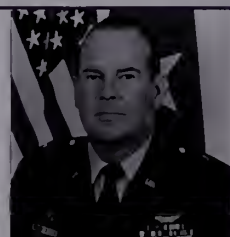


Dr. Harry Briggs has established the Dr. Letitia Douglas Adams Memorial Scholarship for a nursing student attending the Leesville campus of Northwestern State University. From left are Drake Owens, NSU assistant director of Institutional Advancement; Briggs, Jill Bankston, NSU assistant director of Development, and Dr. Larry Monk, executive director of the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk Center.



Dr. Mark Troxler, DO, FACP, FACSM, (1991) was an invited delegate and attended the International Olympic Committee and United Nations Conference on Sport and the Environment in Beijing last October. He was selected as team physician and chair of the Substance Abuse Education Committee for the national governing body for track and field, USA Track and Field (www.usatf.org). He is pictured with his daughter, Ally Su Troxler. The structure in the background is the new Olympic Stadium for the 2008 Olympics Games to be held Aug. 8-24.

Long Purple Line member pens memoir of life and career



Gen. Curtis Francis Hoglan (Ret.) (1955) has penned a book that traces his life from the beginning as an adopted, country boy from a small town, through school, 30 years in the U.S. Army, 10 years working in civilian life and retirement, and world travels.

"A Country Boy from Pitkin: My Life Story" relates unique and humorous experiences that range from hours of boredom to moments of stark terror, mostly while on active duty with the U.S. Army. He and his wife of 53 years, Katherine Elliott Hoglan (1954) have lived in 37 places and visited 82 countries, islands and territories, many of which are described in the book.

"My parents were 48 years old when I was born and my knowledge of their early years is almost non-

existent," he said. "I wanted my kids, grandkids, etc., to know about my experiences."

Hoglan spent two years writing the memoir, "primarily for family, friends, cousins and Army buddies."

Hoglan grew up in Pitkin and received a bachelor's in music education from Northwestern in 1955. That year, he completed the ROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He earned a master's in public administration at Shippensburg University.

During a 30-year military career, Hoglan served two tours of duty on the Department of the Army Staff in the Pentagon and also served throughout the United States, Germany, Korea and Vietnam. He was commanding general of V Corps Artillery in Frankfurt, Germany, and

the First ROTC Region. Hoglan was an inductee into the NSU ROTC Hall of Fame in 1983 and NSU's Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2006. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

After retiring from the military, Hoglan worked in the field of economic development in Florence County, S.C., and Lafayette. In 1989, he was named the South Carolina Economic Development Professional of the Year.

His memoir is available through the publisher, Author House (888.230.7715).

Hoglan currently resides in Niceville, Fla.

SPOTLIGHTS

☼ **Jake K. Patin** (2006) was one of 61 graduates from the Louisiana State Police Academy on Dec. 12, 2007. Jake was commissioned as a Trooper for the Troop A territory. He lives in Port Allen.

☼ **Mittie Oden Bryan** (1925) celebrated her 101st birthday on Feb. 2. She lives independently in Shreveport and is going strong. According to her niece, Virginia A. Metcalf (1953), she continues to give credit to Louisiana Normal for getting her off to a wonderful start.

☼ A collection of mixed media and oil landscape paintings by **Roy deVille** (1965) were featured in an exhibit at NSU's Hanchey Gallery in January. "And There is Light" included paintings of Louisiana farm scenes and landscapes, as well as paintings done on-site in Austria, France, England, Scotland, Spain and Italy.

deVille has been a member of the art faculty at LSU-Alexandria since 1970 and is the former holder of the Huie Dellmon Trust Endowed Professorship. He has won numerous juried competitions and has exhibited throughout Louisiana and the southeast. He has keen interest in Italian medieval and renaissance painting and has participated in the Pompeii Restoration Project. deVille holds a master of arts degree from NSU. He is a member of the Governor's Committee for the Arts and serves as an adjudicator for the state Gifted and Talented Program in art.

☼ Louisiana Scholars' College alumnus **Nicholas Reves** (2007) presented a briefing to former President George Herbert Walker Bush last year as part of a class at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

Reves is working toward a Master's in International Affairs with a concentration in national security studies. He is the recipient of the Robert M. Gates fellowship named for the current U.S. Secretary of Defense.

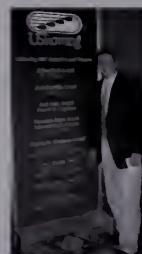
Reves briefed Bush on "Anticipated Developments in the

Taiwan Strait," as the conclusion of a month long simulation for a course on international politics in theory and practice. According to Reves, the intent was to simulate the U.S. federal policy-making process regarding China-Taiwan relations and the threat of an upcoming crisis. The freshman class at the Bush School was divided into teams representing a federal agency. Reves played the role of the President's National Security Advisor.

☼ The USRowing Board of Directors presented Oak Ridge, Tenn., Rowing Association's (ORRA) Head Coach **Allen Eubanks** (1997) the Clayton W. Chapman Sportsmanship Award during the USRowing Annual Awards Reception held in Miami, Fla., in December.

A Bossier City native, Eubanks started rowing at NSU in 1992. While at NSU, he was member of Kappa Alpha. He is a level 3 USRowing Coach in his 7th year as Head Coach and Club Manager of ORRA. Prior to working in Oak Ridge, Eubanks started two programs and coached in Louisiana at Centenary College and the Louisiana School of Math Science and the Arts. Eubanks has the creation of two regattas to his credit as well the "Head of the Red" regatta and the "Secret City Head Race" regatta. USRowing named ORRA as the 2005 Club of the Year under Eubanks' leadership. Eubanks serves on as chairman of USRowing's Youth Committee where he was instrumental in the regional realignment of the qualifying regatta structure for the USRowing Youth Nationals. Eubanks serves as the director of the Southeast Junior Development Camp, a camp that he organized in 2005 with past USRowing Women's Olympic Head Coach Hartmut Bushbacher and Greg Maynard of Baylor School.

The Chapman award is given to an individual who best emulates Mr. Chapman's 30-year stewardship of the Eastern Sprints and IRA Championship regattas. The recipient is an individual that epitomizes the spirit of sport of rowing by consistently serving in a behind the scene administrative role that has previously gone unrecognized.



Kelly, Salter inducted into Political Hall of Fame

Former State Sen. Donald G. Kelly and Rep. Joe Salter (1965) were inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in February.

Kelly served five terms in the Louisiana Senate and was widely regarded as one of the most influential members of the legislature. He retired from the legislature in 1995. During his tenure from 1976 until 1996, he was able to secure millions of dollars in projects and helped develop programs that strengthened Northwestern and helped set the stage for the University's growth over the past decade.

While in the legislature, he was cited as "Most Effective Legislator, "Best

Sponsor of Legislation" and one of the "Top Ten Legislators" in polls of personnel familiar with the legislative process.

A noted Natchitoches attorney, Kelly has been elected to the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, and the 'N' Club Hall of Fame.

He received an honorary doctorate of humanities from Northwestern in 1996.

Salter served as Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2004 until earlier this year.

Salter is a graduate of NSU, earning a bachelor's and master's degree in education. He also did additional post-graduate work at Northwestern. Salter had a distinguished career as an educator, retiring as

assistant superintendent of the Sabine Parish School System.

A veteran of the House for 20 years, Salter formerly served on the Board of Aldermen for the Village of Florien. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1986 to fill an unexpired term and was re-elected without opposition to serve his first full term in 1987. He was re-elected in 1991, 1995, 1999 (without opposition), and with 76 percent of the vote in October 2003. Salter has been honored for his public service by groups representing education, public libraries, senior citizens, health care, small businesses and local governments.

Annual Deer Hunt



The fourth annual Serenity Point Deer Hunt Jan. 7-9 was another success. From left are NSU soccer coach Jimmy Mitchell, Gary Potter, Firal Ryder (1952), Jeff Martin, hosts Lilly and Dan Chase (1957) and Dr. Robert Alost (1958).

Baton Rouge Reception



Ashley White of West Feliciana High School, right, was named the 2008 Ted Jones Scholarship recipient for the Baton Rouge area during a Baton Rouge recruiting reception. Presenting the scholarship was NSU recruiter Brandi Morgan (2007).



Hosts of the Baton Rouge recruiting reception were Dan (1957) and Lilly Chase, pictured here with Ann and Dr. William Haile (1943).

Covington Reception



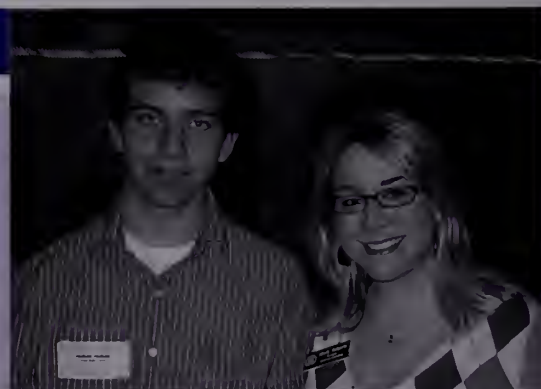
Kim and Dr. Roy DiVittorio (1993) were hosts of the recruiting reception held in Covington on Jan. 30.



Megan Coutet of Covington High School, right, was named the 2008 recipient of the Ted Jones Scholarship for the Covington area. Recruiter Brandi Morgan, left, presented the scholarship.

New Orleans Reception

Matthew Hudson of Jesuit High School, left, was named the 2008 recipient of the Ted Jones Scholarship for the New Orleans area. Recruiter Shelly Roberts (2007) presented the award.



Alexandria Gathering



James Snyder (1958), Steven Shine (1968) and John Thompson (1969) were among the alumni who gathered at Tunk's Cypress Inn in Alexandria last fall.



Enjoying the gathering at Tunk's were Dustin (2003) and Kelly (2003) Matthews, Sara (2001) and Bill Zito.



Among the guests at Tunk's were Gary and Ann (1982) Gresham, *left photo*; Leah (2005) and Julius LaCaze (2003), *center photo*; and Shelby Graham and Joseph Johnson (1988), *right photo*.

Baton Rouge Tailgate Gathering



Demon fans gathered for a tailgate party at Walk-Ons in Baton Rouge prior to the NSU-LSU men's basketball game in December. From left are Lynn and John Manno (1978) and current students Jay Manno and Miller Daniel.



Fans Suzanne and Tom Boggs, *left*, along with David Wheatley, Robert Wheatley and Julia Wheatley, *below*, were among the guests at Walk-Ons.



Frank Bright, Carl Rhoads, Suzanne Bright and Ann Rhoads, *left*, enjoyed the food and fun prior to the NSU-LSU basketball game in Baton Rouge.

Criminal Justice expands into full department

One of Northwestern's fastest growing academic programs gained new status in 2007 with the creation of the Department of Criminal Justice. The formation of the department has been approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

The department will be in the College of Liberal Arts. Criminal justice was a program within the School of Social Sciences. No additional personnel, facilities or equipment will be required for the new department.

"The designation is in keeping with a recommendation from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. It will allow the program to deal with matters more directly and adds prestige to the program and the university," said Joe Morris, coordinator of criminal justice at NSU who will head the new department.

Criminal justice has 374 majors in two-year and four-year programs and produces approximately 75 graduates annually. The bachelor's program began in 1995 and the associate program was begun in 1997. The new department has eight full-time and 20 adjunct faculty. It also produces the monthly NSU Journal of Criminal Justice and may convert the publication to a peer reviewed journal.

The university hopes to add additional bachelor's and master's degree programs in the department. Northwestern recently hosted a site visit from a team evaluating a proposed bachelor's program in Unified Public Safety and Administration. A Letter of Intent for a Master of Science in Global Security and Counter-Terrorism has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Morris also serves as approving agent and administrator for the Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations (GSRCP). The Center is responsible for community policing and public safety training for Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. GSRCP operates with approximately \$4.6 million in federal and state grants, contracts and memoranda of understanding. The Center recently received a \$500,000 congressional appropriation to provide law enforcement training in areas of southeast Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

State Farm grant will fund CIS equipment, software

The computer information systems program in the NSU's College of Business received a \$50,000 grant from the State Farm Companies Foundation.

According to Dr. Lissa Pollacia, principal investigator of the grant, the funding will allow the CIS program to address several current and future needs.

"Our program is seeking to attain a higher level of excellence and achievement and this grant will allow us to meet recurring needs which will help us maintain the strong national and international reputation which has been developed," she said.

Northwestern's CIS program has been designated as an Area of Excellence by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System. Students in the program have captured nine first place finishes at the Association of Information Technology Professionals Collegiate Conference over the past seven years.

"We are very excited to partner with the College of Business at Northwestern on their CIS program," said State Farm Agency Field Executive Ken Daniel. "Reinvesting in a community that provides such outstanding technical talent clearly supports our commitment to education excellence. These students are the future leaders of our nation and will make up our workforce. It is crucial that students obtain the skills necessary to be active participants in our democracy and Northwestern's CIS program continues to provide students with these skills."

Funding from the grant will be used to purchase new chairs for computer labs and classrooms in Russell Hall along with classroom management software.

"State of the art classrooms and labs are one of the things students consider when making their decision about where to attend college," said Pollacia, coordinator of the computer information systems area. "Student technology fees and grants allow us to purchase and maintain up to date computers and this will make our classrooms and labs more appealing."

A portion of the grant will be used to establish an endowment for the CIS program that can be used to meet future needs. Interest from the endowment will be used for new equipment, software, professional development, faculty travel or to assist students traveling to collegiate competition. Pollacia said the College of Business would work closely with the NSU Foundation to begin a fundraising campaign among CIS alumni and friends of the program.

"We know many alumni have gone on to successful careers all over the country because of the excellent training they received at Northwestern," said Pollacia. "I know they will be eager to provide similar opportunities for current and future students by helping our program continue to grow."

Brent inducted into LMEA Hall of Fame

Bill Brent, director of the Mrs. H.D. Dear and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts and director of bands, has been selected for induction into the Louisiana Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Brent was honored in November as part of the Association's annual conference in Baton Rouge.

The LMEA Hall of Fame was started in 1982. Richard Jennings, a retired faculty member at Northwestern, was inducted into the Hall in 1992. The LMEA Hall of Fame display is in the new wing of the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts at NSU.

"I am extremely humbled and flattered to receive this recognition from the music educators of the state," said Brent. "I owe so much to our faculty in the School of Creative and Performing Arts and the administration at Northwestern who have worked to develop the program and support it. When I saw the list of inductees including Richard Jennings, it hit me what a wonderful honor this is."

Those chosen for the Hall of Fame should be or should have been:

- a professional music educator who has made a long lasting, significant contribution to the school music program in Louisiana;
- a person who has demonstrated a concern for music education by active involvement in local, district, state, regional or national professional organizations;
- an active music educator or administrator in music education in a Louisiana school or institution of higher learning for a period of not less than twenty years;
- and an active member of the Louisiana Music Educators Association.

Brent has been at Northwestern for 24 years. In that time, he has built one of the best marching band programs in the South, increasing the number of members from 48 to more than 300. He has also served as conductor of the NSU Wind Symphony which has been chosen to perform at the College Band Directors National Association Southern Regional Conference.

"This honor is a validation of the work done by our faculty to produce outstanding graduates who go out and develop excellent marching bands and concert bands," said Brent.

Under his leadership, the School of Creative and Performing Arts was upgraded from a department and has been endowed with over \$2.5 million in private scholarship funds. The School was designated as an Area of Excellence by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and has received more than \$3 million in grants and has had two academic professorships established.

In 2002, Brent received the President's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work at Northwestern.

"I am very pleased to see Bill receive this honor from his fellow music educators in the state of Louisiana," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Bill has worked tirelessly to build an outstanding band and School of Creative and Performing Arts which adds so much to the university and the community."

Prior to his arrival at Northwestern, Brent taught school in the Austin Independent School District in Austin, Texas. While serving as director of bands at McCallum High School, the band was twice named in the top five in the University Interscholastic League State Marching Contest and the symphonic band was named in the top 10 in the Texas Music Educators Association Honor Band Competition.

Brent holds the Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees from the University of Texas, Austin. He is a member of the Louisiana Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association and Phi Beta Mu.



Loggers and pedestrians will have a safer exercise route with the completion of a walking path that winds along Chaplin's Lake on South Jefferson. The path was completed last fall with funding from grants. Future plans under consideration include adding benches along the trail, lighting for night safety, distance markers, crosswalks and exercise stations. Officials hope to extend the trail along Tarleton Drive to the Health and Human Performance Building and University Place.



Brown-Stroud field has new look underway

Visible signs of the Second Century Circle fencing project in mid-January included a new entrance to Brown-Stroud Field, home of the NSU Demons baseball team. The total project, with a cost of close to \$700,000, will result in new perimeter fencing for all outdoor athletic fields.

The distinctive brick pillars present naming opportunities for interested benefactors. More information is available by logging onto www.nsudemons.com or by contacting Assistant Athletic Director for External Affairs Dr. William Broussard at (318) 357-4295 or e-mailing him at broussardw@nsula.edu.

Lessiter leaves big shoes to fill in Athletic Department

Julie Lessiter is a petite woman but she left big shoes to fill in the Northwestern athletic department. After nine years on staff at her alma mater as Athletic Academic Advisor/Senior Woman Administrator, Lessiter resigned in January to enter private business in Shreveport.

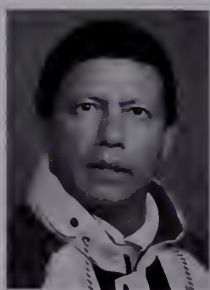


She earned three degrees from the university, two undergraduate diplomas and a master's in sport administration. She graduated with honors each time.

Lessiter played a critical role as Northwestern emerged as a leader among state and Southland Conference institutions in NCAA studies reviewing the academic progress of student-athletes. NSU has ranked highly in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate reports in each of the first three years of that program, which reviews all of the nation's Division I athletic departments.

"I can't overstate how valuable Julie has been to the hundreds of student-athletes through the years since she was an athlete herself," said athletics director Greg Burke. "Her contributions coordinating our academic services, and in her administrative role as senior woman administrator, have been immense."

She is a native of Southampton, England, who came to NSU as a tennis competitor and later joined the cross country and track and field teams, earning All-Louisiana recognition in track. Lessiter has developed into a regionally-competitive triathlete, winning the Redman Triathlon in Oklahoma City.



Hatch listed in Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame inductees for 2008

2004 USA Olympic weightlifting coach Gayle Hatch of Baton Rouge will be one of eight members of the 2008 induction class for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Hatch was a basketball star at Northwestern who became one of the nation's preeminent experts in strength and conditioning training. One of the inaugural inductees in the USA Strength and Conditioning Coaches Hall of Fame in 2003, Hatch

has also been recognized by the NFL and the Smithsonian National Museum for his significant role, with his philosophies utilized by national champion college football programs at LSU and Tennessee while helping develop 43 national champion lifters.

Voting was done by a 30-member committee under the auspices of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, the parent organization of the Hall of Fame. Media from around the state considered 131 nominees from 21 different sports categories and were limited to eight inductees by LSWA rules governing selection since the Hall was established in

1958.

The 2008 Induction Celebration is June 19-21 in Natchitoches, home since 1972 to the Hall of Fame and the site for the soon-to-begin construction of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame museum. The induction celebration begins with a Thursday afternoon press conference and kick-off reception and includes community outreach activities, a free kids sports clinic on Saturday morning, a Friday afternoon golf scramble, two more receptions open free to the public, and the Saturday evening induction dinner and ceremonies at the Natchitoches Events Center.

NSU Demon Data

... news and notes from Athletics

'58, '88 and 1998 football teams in spotlight this fall

Three conference championship football teams will be special guests for the Annual Demon Football Reunion to be held Saturday, Aug. 30.

The NSU Demon football team kicks off the 2008 season at home on Aug. 30 against Jackson State. All former players, coaches and staff members are invited to the reunion.

Special attention will be given to the championship teams in 1958, 1988 and 1998. Coach Jack Clayton's Demons won the '58 Gulf States Conference crown, while Coach Sam Goodwin coached the '88 and '98 Demons to Southland Conference outright championships and national playoff wins.

Former players should receive details in the mail soon. For more information, please check the www.nsudemons.com website.

Soccer team again shines academically

For the fifth straight season, Northwestern State led all Southland Conference women's soccer teams on the Capital One/SLC All-Academic Team, with eight NSU student-athletes elected, led by senior Erin Hebert on the first team.

Seven Demons flooded the 12 second team slots, including two-time selections Hannah Casey, Johnna Klohoker, and Natalie Waguespack. First-time selections were Bobbie Hayes, Kayce Schultz, Missy Oakley, and Tiffany Kawana-Waugh.

NSU's closest competition was Stephen F. Austin, which had five All-Academic selections. The all-academic teams are voted on by the head coaches, sports information directors and academic/compliance administrators from each SLC university. Student-athletes must possess a 3.00 cumulative grade average, have completed one full academic year at the nominating institution and participated in at least 50 percent of the team's competition to be eligible for selection to the all-academic squad.

NSU Athletics boosts local, area economy

The little things add up. Northwestern played host to the 2007 Southland Conference Soccer Tournament this fall, with five teams joining the host Demons. The event generated an estimated \$50,000 of economic impact for the Natchitoches area, according to the NSU Small Business Development Center.

Factoring in all of the events hosted by athletics, four years ago the Small Business Development Center reported NSU Athletics created an estimated \$30 million of economic impact for the local and area marketplaces.

Brad Laird back home on NSU football staff

Brad Laird is "back home" at Northwestern, where he was a star quarterback in the mid-1990s and he helped coach the 2004 Demons to the Southland Conference football championship. Laird rejoined NSU head coach Scott Stoker's staff in December, returning to the defensive coordinator's post he held from 2003-05.

Laird left the Demons following the 2005 season to enter private business, then returned to coaching in July as linebackers coach at NSU's conference rival, Stephen F. Austin.

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McConathy Jersey Unretired

It's not often that a jersey gets unretired. At Northwestern State it made perfect sense. There's been a long line of McConathys at the school, starting with All-American Johnny McConathy, the father of current Demons coach Mike McConathy.

Johnny McConathy was the fifth pick in the 1951 NBA draft and had his No. 14 retired at Northwestern State in 2002. Now, two of his grandsons are playing for the school and sophomore guard Michael McConathy is wearing grandpa's 14. Logan McConathy is a freshman guard for the Demons.

"Our grandfather, Johnny McConathy, was a great player back in the 1950s," Michael McConathy said. "His two brothers, George and Leslie, also played basketball here. Leslie was a teammate, and George came a couple of years later. So Logan and I are the fourth and fifth McConathys to play here.

"I'm so honored that the school let me wear his jersey, which had been retired in Grandpa Johnny's honor. When you walk into our arena, the first thing you see is a big banner with Grandpa Johnny's name and the big No. 14 on it. So it's really special for me, and I know he's very proud also. He comes and sees all our home games, but he's not much of a traveler anymore."

Coach Mike McConathy's team has reached the Southland Conference tournament championship game the past three seasons.

"They're great kids who play hard and well," Mike McConathy said of coaching his sons. "I'm very proud of them both, and I know my dad feels the same way."

As of now, there aren't any more McConathys in line to play for the Demons.

"I'd have to say we have a rather unusual family tradition going on here," Logan McConathy said. "I guess this is all pretty unique. I don't know of any other family like ours. Plus, we're playing for our dad for the first time, too."

Demon Athletics unveils updated website

There's no better place than being in the stands to enjoy rooting for Northwestern athletic teams. But sitting in front of your computer, visiting the vastly enhanced www.nsudemons.com website, runs a close second.

Website visitors can actually watch, as well as listen to, many NSU sports events as they occur on the new site. Live and archived streaming video content – at no charge — is a key feature in the redesigned nsudemons.com, said director of athletics Greg Burke.

The site also allows for more audio webcasting of games and events, so that more than the games that are broadcast on the radio will be available online to supporters literally all around the world.

The new site is easy to navigate and offers expanded options for visitors. Fans can shop for a much greater selection of NSU merchandise in the webstore. They can bid for exciting Demon experiences in online auctions, download content for their cell phones, and purchase tickets to all Northwestern athletic events.

The website provides archived coaches' shows and facility tours. Soon, constantly updated interviews and features will be available – combining with the coverage of home games to make the website seem almost like an NSU sports television channel, said Burke.

"We're increasing access to Northwestern State University with the expanded services on the new website," said Burke. "We believe our site will have increasing appeal to alumni, other supporters, family and friends of our student-athletes, and prospective students, and we expect it to attract new interest in Northwestern and NSU Athletics."

"Gary's Gallery," a focal point of the nsudemons.com site since its creation, features the work of NSU photographer Gary Hardamon. "Gary's Gallery" will continue to provide free access to Hardamon's photographs of Demon athletic events. The new website will feature his work even more prominently.

Other staples of the current site will continue, with an array of breaking news, feature stories, the "Demon Dust" commentary and the "Daily Demon" blog, along with polls and many other elements.

The new site will soon provide the opportunity to make secure, online donations to the Demon Victory Fund supporting NSU athletics. Visitors will be able to view the latest Athletic Association newsletters, and stay up to date on all the Athletic Association projects and events.

News and Notes continued

Volleyball team turning heads with progress

Each of the last three seasons has reflected progress by the NSU Lady Demon volleyball program. After reaching the Southland Conference Tournament in 2005 and 2006 for the first time in two decades, coach Brittany Uffelman's team broke through with its first-ever SLC Tournament win in November.

Sixth-seeded Northwestern stunned No. 3-seeded Texas-Arlington 3-1 in the first round of the 2007 SLC Tournament. The Lady Demons defeated one of the SLC's premiere programs. UTA, which reached the NCAA Final Four in 1989, was denied its 24th 20-win season with its first opening-round loss since 2003.

Demons' Bell continues All-America tradition

Not many athletes have received All-America honors in one sport in high school and a different sport in college. Northwestern State's Demetrius Bell is one of the few.

As an offensive tackle, Bell (6-5, 283) helped clear the way for Demons' junior tailback Byron Lawrence to lead the Southland Conference with a 125.2 yards per game average. Bell had never played organized football at any level prior to 2005, when he took the season off from basketball after playing hoops for the Demons for two seasons.

This winter, Bell reluctantly decided to forgo his senior season of basketball so he could focus on his pro football opportunities in April's NFL Draft. He was an All-State and honorable mention All-America basketball standout at tiny Summerfield High School, which did not field a football team. He played in 88 basketball games, including starting twice last season, for coach Mike McConathy's Demons.

Student-athletes collect gifts for children

Northwestern student-athletes collected gifts for children overseas to enjoy during the holiday season in conjunction with the Southland Conference "Twelve Days of Christmas" community service endeavor involving all 12 SLC member institutions.

Student-athletes from each sport at NSU collected items that children would enjoy and appreciate. A total of 65 boxes of gifts were delivered to the local distribution center, Westside Baptist Church in Natchitoches.

Julie Lessiter, the senior woman administrator for Northwestern athletics and the academic advisor for athletics, coordinated the program.

Alumni Updates

1961

Mary Eloise Caraway Waldon is a retired registered nurse and lives in Hodge.

1964

Rev. James Clegg is retired, married and lives in Winter Haven, Fla.

1965

Horace Johnson is retired and currently operates a business with his daughter and grandson. He is married and lives in Apex, N.C.

1966

Sue Breedlove is a teacher at Weaver Elementary and lives in Natchitoches.

Fred M. Clark is retired, married and lives in Winslow, Maine.

Caroline Bingham Sanders is an infusion nurse and lives in Metairie.

1969

Mike Churchman is director of logistics division at UT Medical Branch at Galveston and married to Gracie Dix Churchman (1968).

1972

Ben Williams is employed by Lee County School District as an assistant principal and lives in Cape Coral, Fla.

1973

Marilyn Miller is director of marketing at Fibrebond and lives in Minden.

1976

David J. Melton is a public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration and lives in Bunker Hill, W. Va.

William W. Carter Jr. is a training coordinator at Powell Electrical Manufacturing and lives in Friendswood, Texas.

1977

Dr. Deborah Hebert is assistant vice president and dean of student affairs at Texas A&M University and lives in Commerce, Texas.

1978

Clara Lafont Abramson is employed by Jefferson Parish School Board as a teacher and lives in Westwego.

1982

Karen Briggs Bruce is a teacher, married and lives in Shreveport.

1984

Richard Fletcher is a senior associate and lives in Bella Vista, Ariz.

1986

Steven C. Allen is senior director of product development at Motive Incorporated, married and lives in Austin, Texas.

Alumni Profile



Katherine Manion with husband Richard in Roatan, Honduras.

Katherine Jones Manion (2002) turned her love of reading into a career. Manion is manager of the North Side branch of the Des Moines, Iowa, Public Library, where she promotes literacy among children and adults and helps patrons with tough questions.

A native of Donaldsonville, Manion moved to Natchitoches in 1996 to attend Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts her last two years of high school. When it was time to apply for college, NSU's Louisiana Scholars' College, a stone's throw from LSMSA, was the only school in the state she considered.

"I thought the Scholars' College would offer the best opportunities in terms of small class sizes and an excellent liberal arts education," she said. "Scholars' is such a great community of students and teachers. I majored in English and was one of the few people in my class to not do a traditional concentration."

As an undergraduate, Manion worked in the student technology department under Jennifer Long.

"I spent quite a bit of time in computer labs around campus, especially in Watson Library," she said. "I really enjoyed the job, especially working with Jennifer."

Her greatest accomplishment as an undergraduate was completing her thesis on the works of author Pat Conroy under the direction of advisors Dr. Holly Stave and Dr. Christine Ford.

"Writing a thesis for Scholars' is wonderful because it is such an involved process, but when you're done, you have this huge document you have created. It is the physical evidence of all the hard work that you've done. I also think writing a thesis really helps prepare students for graduate school. I had to do a similar capstone project before graduating with my master's degree."

Before graduating, Manion was hired to work at Natchitoches Parish Library, beginning at the circulation desk and moving up from there. She realized that a degree in library science would be a good fit for her and work well with her bachelor's degree in English. She completed master's degree with the University of North Texas.

"During the course of my studies, I had the opportunity to travel to Thailand with a library science class and reorganize a school library in Phuket. This was a wonderful trip that really gave me some hands-on experience with different aspects of library work," she said.

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Alumni Profile

Dr. Viola Miller (1964) has spent her career helping children overcome obstacles. Beginning with her experience as a speech pathologist, her career path through higher education and in state government has been steered by the desire to make the world a safe place for children and youth.

Miller had a special interest in pursuing speech language pathology, having worked as a receptionist for a speech pathologist in Shreveport as a high school student at C.E. Byrd. She also wrote a career research paper on the topic, which at that time was still an emerging field.

"It was a wonderful career for me. I always knew my career would have to do with children. I considered teaching, but prefer one-on-one interaction. Speech language pathology gave me that opportunity," she said. "Northwestern had an excellent reputation. I didn't consider going to college anywhere else."

Miller earned her undergraduate degree in speech and hearing therapy.

"At that time, women were just beginning to seriously pursue careers. At Northwestern, I learned about myself and became aware of my own skills. Going to Northwestern helped me identify myself as a person with a strong intellect."

After working in Shreveport, Miller earned a master's in speech therapy and audiology from Tulane



University in 1966. She later completed a residency at Duke University Medical Center in medical speech pathology and moved to Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., to head the speech pathology program there. In 1978, she earned an Ed.D in speech education with emphasis in working with children with serious disabilities from the University of Alabama.

Miller's career then took her for 19 years to Murray State University in Murray, Ky., first as faculty and eventually as dean of the university's Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. In that capacity, Miller was involved with state-wide distance learning projects, in which she helped coordinate the creation of a television network with BellSouth. Because of her work on that project, she was contacted to become part of Kentucky's then-Governor Paul Patton's cabinet.

"Governor Patton was looking for non-political people to be part of his cabinet. When they called to

interview me, I thought it was a joke. When he offered me the position in the cabinet, I knew I wanted to be in the department of Families and Children, which pulled together child-care, welfare reform, etc., under one umbrella."

After working as Secretary for Families and Children for eight years, Miller intended to retire, but in 2003 was contacted by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, who appointed her Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. When that position is fulfilled, she intends to retire. "And this time, I mean it," she said.

Miller recalled her mentors at Northwestern, Irma Stockwell, a professor in the speech language pathology department, and Dr. Leo Allbritten, a former dean, with whom she became reacquainted after his son was appointed head of counseling at Murray State. Dr. and Mrs. Allbritten moved to Murray and their friendship was renewed.

Miller has two adult children.

Last December, Miller was the invited commencement speaker at Middle Tennessee State University, where her address focused on the need for young people to take responsibility to become involved in the community, particularly as advocates for children.

"It's been a wonderful career," she said.

1989

Christopher King is an IA security officer in the United States Army and lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

1991

Christen McLemore is a senior technical product manager at

AOL LLC and lives in Sterling, Va.

1992

Cynthia Brown Marshall is assistant vice president-branch manager at Neighbors Federal Credit Union and lives in Baker.

1993

Christian Clark is principal/owner of E. Christian Clark Design and lives in Houston, Texas.

John D. Ray is employed by Johnson, Barrios & Yacoubian as an attorney and lives in Baton Rouge.

1995

Ruth Franklin Suire is a payroll supervisor at Amerisafe, Inc. and lives in DeRidder.

1996

Elizabeth Anne Wood Dwyer is a seventh and eighth grade teacher at St. John's

Episcopal School, married and lives in San Diego, Calif.

Jennifer Tonglet Blanchard is a second grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary, married and lives in Otis.

Heather Scully Champagne is the owner of

Champagne Dreams, LLC, married and lives in Metairie.

Linda Boswell Bordon is the president of Bordon Consulting LLC and lives in Alexandria.

Laura Flores Johnson is an operations super-

visor at First Federal Bank of Louisiana and lives in Robeline.

1997

Eric R. Imscher is employed by the Department of Homeland Security in inter-governmental liaison and lives in Slidell.

1998

Richard G. Long is an English teacher at Brusly High School, married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Karen Leon Tester is employed the Louisiana State Police Gaming Audit as an auditor 3, married and lives in Bossier City.

Jennifer Allen Ray is a specialty sales representative for Pharma-Derm Pharmaceuticals and lives in McKinney, Texas.

1999

Alicia Dube Stanley is a test manager for SRA International and lives in Arlington, Va.

2000

John LeDoux Mayer is employed by the United States Forest Service and lives in Jefferson, Ga.

Kathy Merten is employed by Medco Health Solutions as a manager of business requirements and lives in Lodi, N.J.

Bryan P. Alleman is employed by Acadia Parish School Board as a technology coordinator and lives in Crowley.

Wendy Lanier Grisham is a third grade teacher

at Stockwell Place Elementary and lives in Bossier City.

Chelsa Fontenot is a certified athletic trainer at NRMCC Sports Medicine and lives in Natchitoches.

2001

Josh Merritt is employed by Geico as an adjuster and lives in Youngsville.

Connie Walker Dunn is the human resources director at Livingston Healthcare and lives in Livingston, Mont.

Jennifer Burch Campbell is a program director at a non-profit social service agency and lives in Baton Rouge.

2002

John Mark Reilly is an E-7 Senior Instrumentalist in the United States Army, married and lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

Brooke Patterson is employed by CB Richard Ellis as an accounting manager and lives in Dallas, Texas.

Kristina Hebert Corneille is employed by Tangipahoa Parish School Board as an early childhood teacher and lives in Ponchartroula.

Brandon Champagne is employed by International Paint LLC in engineering sales and lives in Spring, Texas.

Tessia Norris Price is a marketing manager at Heart of La. Credit Union and lives in Deville.

2003

Kristyn Diana Pelt is employed by the department of Health and Hospitals as a Medicaid analyst and lives in Pitkin.

Jill Lowe Riggs is a physical education teacher at Olla Elementary School and lives in Georgetown.

Nicole Shreve Caloway is an exercise specialist at Willis Knighton and lives in Shreveport.

2004

Tobias J. Washington is employed at LSU Health Sciences in professional training and lives in Shreveport.

Veronica Sisco Odum is an assistant manager for Enterprise Rent A Car and lives in Bentonville, Ark.

Brandi Boudreaux Jeniskens is employed by Tracy Locke as an account executive and lives in Irving, Texas.

Michael McCorkle is employed by BASF-Shreveport as a marketing specialist and lives in Castor.

Sara Melanson Horan is employed by Jefferson County Public Schools as a music teacher and lives in Morrison, Colo.

2005

Megan Sandlin Bostick is a membership assistant at Gleneagles Country Club and lives in Euless, Texas.

Karen Thames is a marketing coordinator at IMG World and lives in Lexington, Ky.

2006

James Walton is employed by the County of Los Angeles as a deputy sheriff and lives in Lakewood, Calif.

Angelin Adams Borsics is employed by The Wylie Agency in the contracts department, married and lives in Brooklyn N.Y.

Stacy Lewis is an accounting tech at Carlson Wagonlit Travel and lives in DeRidder.

Sawyer Thomas is ministry assistant at Trevor Thomas Drama Ministries, married and lives in Plant City, Fla.

In Memory

John Augusta "Johnny" Metoyer,
Natchitoches, November 12, 2007

1942 Sheila Caldwell Bramlett,
Shreveport, January 2, 2008

1951 Dennis C. McMullan,
Springhill, December 30, 2007

1960 Carolyn Sue Adams Little,
Logansport, January 4, 2008



Katherine Jones Manion *continued*

After graduation, Manion and her husband Richard Manion (2005) decided to settle in Des Moines for the city's balance between large city and small town and its cooler climate. The couple moved there in 2005. Since then, Manion has been promoted to manager of the North Side branch.

"I find my job to be very rewarding, as it allows me to help people find the books and information that will be most helpful to them," she said. "However, in a changing informational environment, the role of libraries has shifted somewhat from providing print resources to helping customers with electronic resources. Librarians are challenged to stay current with new trends in technology, as well as continuing to provide traditional services, such as recommending books.

Manion met her husband at NSU and the couple traveled to Natchitoches for their wedding ceremony in Kisatchie, which was presided over by Dr. Stave. The couple has two black labs, Willow and Dee Dee, and live in the suburb of West Des Moines.

LOOKING BACK



1968 was deemed a year of progress for Northwestern. In the Fall 1968 semester, Northwestern recorded a record high enrollment of 6,300 students, a milestone for the then 83-year-old institution. To fill the continuing need for classroom facilities, construction of a new Arts and Sciences building was begun under the administration of President John S. Kyser and completed under President Arnold Kilpatrick. The building was named for President Kyser, who secured funding and oversaw the construction of much of the modern campus.



Guess Who?

In 1981, the staff of The Current Sauce listed its purpose as being “to inform students of happenings on campus and to defend students’ rights through the power of the Press. Note: through the use of investigative reporting and the reporting of controversial issues (such as reports on closed Student Union Governing Board meetings, faculty arrests, police reports, the Bayou Folk Museum, Inside View and many editorials) the paper became more than a publicity sheet for Northwestern; it reported things as they were.” Can you name the members of the 1981 Current Sauce staff? The first five readers to call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 will win a prize.

Congratulations to the following individuals who correctly identified the Northwestern Neptune Club swimmers and divers from 1969. They were from bottom up, Susan Day, Mike McConnel, Linda Bordelon and Lynn Shrivvers.

Mr. Brant Bordelon--1971 & 1976
Coushatta, LA

Mr. Ralph Boswell--1972 & 1977
Haughton, LA

Mrs. Terrie Combs--1972
Boyce, LA

Mrs. Carole Hartfield--1969
Shreveport, LA

Mrs. Sophie S. Packard--1957
Natchitoches, LA



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Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Alumni Updates" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date _____

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) _____

Please Circle

Last

First

Middle

Maiden

Current address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSU undergraduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

NSU graduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

During which years did you attend NSU? _____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? _____

Place of employment _____

Job title: _____ Work phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students?

Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

Please return to: Alumni Center • Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA 71497

If you would like information from Admissions, Financial Aid or the NSU Athletic Association, you can contact them at the following address:

University Recruiting

South Hall

Natchitoches, LA 71497

(318) 357-4503 or 800-327-1903

www.nsula.edu/enrollmentservices/recruiting

Financial Aid

Room 109, Roy Hall

Natchitoches, LA 71497

(318) 357-5961

www.nsula.edu/financialaid

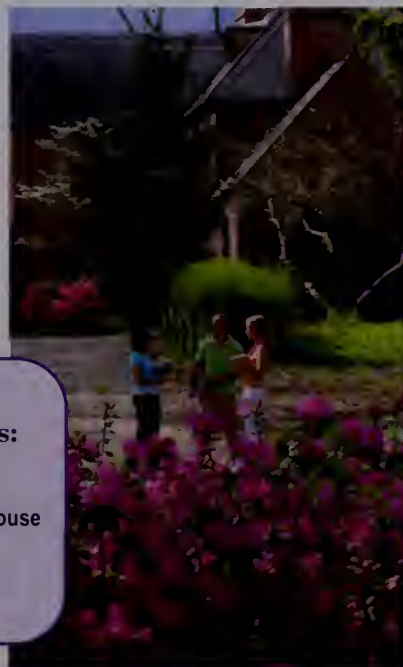
Athletic Director

Room 101C, Athletic Fieldhouse

Natchitoches, LA 71497

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At the request of Carolyn Boydstun Masson (1961) Alumni Columns is printing the words to Northwestern's Alma Mater. The words are set to "The Watch on the Rhine," a German patriotic anthem. The Alma Mater is performed at NSU athletic events and prior to commencement exercises.

Northwestern State University Alma Mater

*Oh, Alma Mater here today,
We for thy lasting blessings pray,
we know not where our paths may go,
but, thou'll uphold us still we know,
unchanging thou, 'mid changes vast,
unswerved from ideals of the past,
steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be –
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!*

*Thy trees their solemn chorus bend
about thee, flowers their censers blend.
Our voices swell their murmuring strain,
our hearts repeat the old refrain,*

*thy purpose high to carry on
Northwestern, thou has honor won!
Steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be –
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!*

*In after years, when far away,
thy presence strong will near us stay,
and as the echo of our song
will, with new courage, lead us on;
And to our eager vision then
each subtle memory meaning lend,
steadfast and true, our watchword e're shall be
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!*

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